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The Honorable Richard Berman  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: *Siddiqui v. United States*  
14 Cv. 3437 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

This letter is respectfully submitted in response to this Court's September 2, 2014 order and in contemplation of today's hearing. First, I must advise the Court that I only learned of the scheduled hearing yesterday, September 8 as I did not receive an ECF notice. I filed a motion in another case. When I did not receive an ECF notice and yet the motion appeared in the docket, I realized something was amiss. I then checked pending cases and saw this Court's September 2, 2014 order.

Since my last communication with the Court, I sent Dr. Siddiqui a letter explaining the consequences of withdrawing her 2255 motion and discharging counsel. That letter was sent back to me, unopened, as "refused". I will bring that envelope to court. The scheduled family call never took place. Dr. Siddiqui is currently confined to her cell for a disciplinary infraction and cannot make personal family calls. Tina Foster, Esq. is unavailable as she is scheduled to give birth any day now.

Given the foregoing I cannot represent to the Court that Dr. Siddiqui fully appreciates the consequences of withdrawing the 2255 motion. However, I am also cognizant of, and respect, the views set forth in her July 2 letter at least in so far as she wishes to discharge me as her counsel.

I am prepared to offer some alternatives on how to proceed at the hearing before Your Honor.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: AUSA Jenna Dabbs (via ECF)